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For: PROCESSES FOR PREPARING BICYCLO [3.1.0] HEXANE DERIVATIVES, AND
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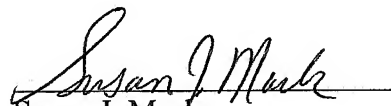
We enclose a copy of the Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application and request the following corrections:

Assignment for Published Patent Application Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Verification for the requested corrections is indicated on the Assignment and Agreement filed November 17, 2006.

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ASSIGNMENT FOR PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION TAISHO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

Power of Attorney: The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 23373.

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/US04/36574 11/03/2004
 which claims benefit of 60/518,391 11/07/2003

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/06/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/578,476**

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Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Processes for preparing bicyclo [3.1.0] hexane derivatives, and intermediates thereto

Preliminary Class

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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

WHEREAS Merck & Co., Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having an address at One Merck Drive, P.O. Box 100, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey 08889-0100 (hereinafter referred to as "MERCK"), by virtue of

- (1) an assignment dated October 19, 2004, between Frederick W. Hartner, Naoki Yoshikawa and Lushi Tan, and MERCK; and
- (2) an assignment dated November 4, 2004 between Nobuyoshi Yasuda and MERCK;

(copies of which are attached hereto), is owner of all right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to "Processes for Preparing Bicyclo [3.1.0] Hexane Derivatives, and Intermediates Thereto," described in the following applications for patent:

- (1) MERCK Case 21395PV, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/518,391, filed November 7, 2003;
- (2) MERCK Case 21395Y, International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/036574, filed November 3, 2004; and
- (3) Taiwan Patent Application No. 093133900, filed November 5, 2004;

(hereinafter "said inventions"), including any and all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and related treaties, and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and under any and all extensions, divisionals, reissues and continuations of said applications for patent, including any applications equivalent thereto or claiming priority thereof,

AND WHEREAS Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., a company organized and existing under the laws of Japan, having its head office at 24-1, Takada-3-chome, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 170-8633, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "TAISHO"), wishes to acquire all right, title and interest in said inventions,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the "License Agreement by and between Taisho Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. And Merck & Co., Inc., effective as of May 15, 2002," (hereinafter referred to as "License Agreement") and the "Termination Agreement", effective as of September 30, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as "Termination Agreement"), and for value received, MERCK hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over to TAISHO and its successors, assignees and legal representatives, MERCK's entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in

and to said inventions, and any and all present patent applications or future patent applications to said inventions that may be filed in any country, including any and all extensions, divisionals, reissues and continuations of said applications for patent, including any applications equivalent thereto or claiming priority thereof; all of the above to be held and enjoyed by TAISHO for its own use and enjoyment to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent and related intellectual property rights may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by MERCK had this assignment and sale to TAISHO not been made.

MERCK requests that any and all Letters Patent for said inventions be issued to TAISHO, its successors, assignees and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

MERCK further covenants that TAISHO will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said inventions and the Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to MERCK, and that it will assist in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and agrees that, when requested, it will promptly execute and deliver to TAISHO or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said applications, and the Letters Patent and equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

MERCK further covenants that it shall not request TAISHO to give MERCK any further consideration for this assignment and sale, whatsoever, other than all consideration received by MERCK under the License Agreement and Termination Agreement.

MERCK further covenants with TAISHO, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that it has full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

This assignment may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment and Agreement is executed by duly authorized representatives of MERCK and TAISHO as of the effective date set forth below.

Signed at Rahway, N.J.
this 27 day of March, 2006.

MERCK & CO., INC.

By: 

Name: Mervyn Turner

Title: Senior Vice President, Worldwide Licensing and External Research

Signed at Tokyo, Japan
this 5th day of April, 2006.

TAISHO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.

By: 

Name: Akira Uehara

Title: President

Attorney Docket Number 21395Y

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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, we, Frederick W. Hartner, Lushi Tan, Nobuyoshi Yasuda and Naoki Yoshikawa

of 656 Elliot Court, Somerville, NJ 08876;
11 Bernice Street, Edison, NJ 08820;
225 Oak Tree Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092; and
43 Burnside Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, respectfully

hereby sell, assign and transfer to MERCK & CO., Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having an office at Lincoln Avenue, City of Rahway, State of New Jersey, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to

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described in an application for Patents having Attorney Docket Number 21395Y and in application(s) Serial No. 60/518,391
filed on 11/07/2003 ; Serial No. _____ filed on _____ ; Serial No. _____ filed on _____ (if applicable),

and all our rights and privileges, including any and all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, under any and all Patents which may be granted therefor, and under any and all extensions, divisionals, reissues and continuations of said application for Patents, including any foreign applications derived therefrom, equivalent thereto or claiming priority thereof.

We request that any and all Patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successor, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining Patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

We hereby authorize our attorney, John C. Todaro or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of the said MERCK & CO., Inc., to insert Serial No., (s) and Filing Date(s) of said application(s) when known.

Signed at Rahway, New Jersey this 19th day of October, 2004

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Frederick W. Hartner

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Attorney Docket Number 21395Y

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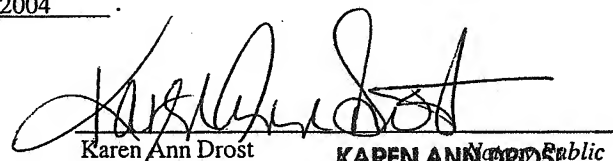
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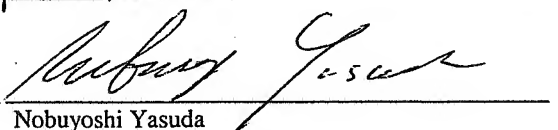
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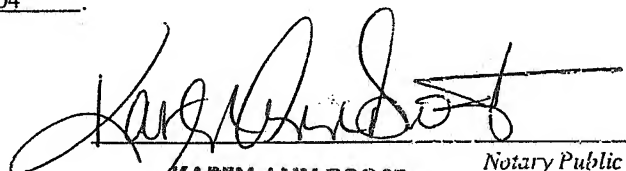
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Signed at Rahway, New Jersey this 4th day of November, 2004.


Nobuyoshi Yasuda

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